

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Holy Family Catholic Church (HarrisonvilleMission) Inventory Number: BA-1858

Address: 10636 Liberty Road (MD 26) Historic district: yes ☒ X no

City: Randallstown/Harrisonville Zip Code: _____ County: Baltimore County

USGS Quadrangle(s): Reisterstown

Property Owner: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____

Project: Route 26 Agency: DDOT/FHWA

Agency Prepared By: P. Weisman

Preparer's Name: _____ Date Prepared: 11/1/1979

Documentation is presented in: federal file

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes

Site visit by MHT Staff yes ☒ X no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

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[See form for additional description]

The cornerstone was laid in May, 1880, and the building was dedicated by Archbishop Gibbons on September 11, 1881.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments: Federal DOE

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

W.R. Luce, Keeper NR

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

Wednesday, January 23, 1980

Date

Thursday, May 27, 2004

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

[It has been determined
eligible for the National
Register]

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Holy Family Catholic Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Liberty Road (Maryland Route 26)

CITY, TOWN

Harrisonville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

BA-1858

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Holy Family Catholic Church is located on the north side of Maryland Route 26 (Liberty Road), west of its intersection with Lyons Mill Road in Harrisonville. It is set behind a low hedge among trees and shrubs, with a cemetery located to the east and north, and its gable-roofed facade faces south. The church is 1½ stories high, one bay wide by four bays deep, and is of frame construction and sheathed with wood shingles. It has a gable roof, topped with a square tower with a pyramidal roof and a cross; this tower has a louvred rectangular window in each wall.

The principal facade contains an enclosed entrance porch with a circular window of clear glass directly above. This window is flanked on each side by a small, 2/2 stained glass window with a suggestion of a pointed arch. The entrance porch has a central double doorway surmounted by a semi-circular fanlight and flanked on each side by two pilasters.

The east and west walls of the church each contain four large rectangular 2/2 stained glass windows, all with different designs. The church has a cruciform plan, with a square north end with three clear 6/6 windows in the north wall. On the west wall of this end is one circular window like that on the south facade, and on the east wall is one doorway. In the short transepts are 6/6 windows with pale colored lights.

The cornerstone was laid in May 1880, and the building was dedicated by Archbishop Gibbons on September 11, 1881. The cost of the building was \$1500. Thomas Worthington donated the land for the church and cemetery.

Prior to the construction of the church, area Catholics heard Mass by visiting priests in New Tavern, the home of Robert Harker, west on Liberty Road.

The parish was formed in 1876, and its first pastor was Reverend Salvatore Brandi of nearby Jesuit Woodstock College, who was instrumental in the construction of the church building.

For many years the church was known as Harrisonville Mission. It served Catholics in a large area of Carroll and Baltimore counties, and is now used for services on an occasional basis.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

BA-1858

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES **1880-81**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Holy Family Catholic Church, Diamond Jubilee, 1951, 66pp.

Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Baltimore City and County, 1971,
vol. II, p. 832

Interview with Wilson Herrera, Randallstown, Maryland
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Peggy Bruns Weissman and Peter E. Kurtze, Historic Sites Surveyors

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust

November 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

301/269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis,

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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Holy Family Church

view from northeast

P. Weissman

1979



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - SOUTH VIEW

1979

P. Weissman/P. Kuntze

BA-1858

Holy Family Church
Harrisonville, MD



P. Weissman 1979

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Holy Family Church



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - from northwest

1979

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Harrisonville, MD